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 Ms. Julie Perry
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Dear Ms. Perry:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 31st and received at my office on August 7th concerning CULAC's amended May monthly report (4/1/02 - 4/31/02).

Your letter indicates that CULAC made contributions in excess of \$5,000 to Senator Max Baucus of Montana for the 2002 primary election. CULAC has requested a refund from Friends of Max Baucus in the amount of \$1,000. A copy of the refund request is attached and the refund will appear on our monthly report for the month in which it is received. Please note that a subsequent contribution to Friends of Max Baucus made on 5/23/2002 and designated for the 2002 primary election has already been refunded by the campaign. That refund appears on our July monthly report (6/1/02 - 6/30/02).

In addition, CULAC mistakenly designated a contribution to Congressman John Shimkus of Illinois to the 2002 primary election, after the date of the election. We have requested that the campaign refund the contribution as soon as possible. A copy of the refund request is attached to this communication and the refund will appear on CULAC's FEC report in the month in which it is received by this committee.

Please note that our FEC filing software, Gnossos, does not permit us to electronically send a text letter such as this. Our reports and necessary amendments are filed electronically. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Karen Kincer, CUNA's Political Director at 202-638-5777.

Sincerely,

 Patricia Sowick
 Treasurer

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